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SUBJ: CAPE VERDES INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES

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1. GOVERNMENT OF CAPE VERDES HAS NOT YET ISSUED INVITATION TO GOVERNMENT OF SENEGAL TO ATTEND CAPE VERDES INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES BUT IS EXPECTED TO DO SO ACCORDING TO GUINEA-BISSAU AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL FLAVIO PROENCA. THUS IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT OFFICIAL INVITATION MAY YET BE FORTHCOMING TO OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING US. PROENCA HAS NOT YET HEARD FROM QUERY HE MADE TO PAIGC LEADERSHIP AS TO WHETHER USG WOULD BE INVITED.

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO ALERT DEPARTMENT TO TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES SHOULD WE WISH TO SEND US DELEGATION TO CAPE VERDES VIA DAKAR. IT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE POSSIBLE CHARTER AIRCRAFT HERE WHICH COULD MAKE ROUND TRIP JULY 5 SINCE ONLY AIR SENEGAL PLANE AVAILABLE BEING USED FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED INTERNAL FLIGHT THAT DAY. AT SAME TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT ACCOMMODATIONS IN CAPE VERDES EXTREMELY LIMITED AND IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ANY US DELEGATION REMAIN THERE OVERNIGHT, UNLESS, OF COURSE, ACCOMMODATIONS ASSURED IN ADVANCE BY CAPE VERDIAN AUTHORITIES. CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS TO GO PRIOR JULY 5 AND COME BACK AFTER JULY 5

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MAY STILL BE FEASIBLE BUT WE SHOULD BE ADVISED AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE IF THEY ARE REQUIRED IN VIEW OF DIFFICULTY RESERVING
AND HOLDING AIR SENEGAL CHARTER.

3. COMMERCIAL CONNECTIONS FROM DAKAR TO PRAIA VIA BISSAU
AND ILHA DO SOL POSSIBLE ONLY BY TAKING FLIGHT DEPARTING DAKAR
ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 2) AND MAKING CONNECTIONS TO ARRIVE IN
PRAIA LATE THURSDAY (JULY 3). RETURN TRIP EQUALLY DIFFICULT.

4. IF US DELEGATION IS INVITED AND PLANS TRAVEL PRAIA VIA
DAKAR DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO
SENDING DELEGATION ON US GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT.
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